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Chief, Contact Division
For : Scientific Branch, [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

1. A book published in [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Inc., entitled [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] on page [REDACTED] contains the following:

"Today every [REDACTED] military doctor and [REDACTED] nurse is trained in hypnotism. The [REDACTED] have used hypnotism to an amazing extent in healing amnesia cases. Their psychologists use it for traumatic cases. Hypnosis has indeed become the [REDACTED] paramount weapon in the treatment of war neuroses."

A Will you please advise whether [REDACTED] has any interest in our finding out what facts, if any, the authors have to support the statements contained in the above quotation? Such an investigation would undoubtedly be time-consuming and we do not wish to embark upon it unless we have some assurance that the results might be of value to CIA.

2. This book on page [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also contains the following statements which may be of interest to [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] G

[REDACTED] a successful author of books on [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] went one step further. He has declared:

H "I can hypnotize a man--without his knowledge or consent--into committing treason against the United States. If I can do it, so could psychologists of other nations in the event of another war."

[REDACTED] is absolutely right. I, too, could produce hypnotic secret agents and so could hundreds of others trained in the science of hypnotic suggestion. I would be surprised if many secret services are not now actually employing hypnotic methods for some of their underground activities.

"Soon after World War II had started, [REDACTED] was called to [REDACTED]. He was asked by intelligence officers about the possibility that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] secret services might be planning to use hypnotism to obtain information.

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then made a most provocative and controversial statement when he told United States Intelligence officers:

"Two hundred trained [REDACTED] operators, trained in the United States, could develop a unique, dangerous army of hypnotically controlled agents!"

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